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The following is a QST. Ham radio assists as a 145 square mile wildfire rages in an isolated area of Minnesota, IARU Region One looks at a possible change to the QRP Center of Activity Frequency, the DX0DX operation from the Spratley Islands is cancelled due to safety concerns and Soyuz flights to the International Space Station to resume in November. All this and more on Amateur Radio Newsline(tm) report number 1780 coming your way right now.

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RESCUE RADIO: RACES AND THE BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE AREA FIRE

Hams in Minnesota became a backbone of communications for several days. This as authorities continue to deal with a 145 square mile wildfire that began in mid-August from a lightning strike in a remote area of the state.

The fire is located in an area called the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. This is a very large region along the US and Canadian border in North-East Minnesota where no motorized equipment or vehicles are allowed. Generally, wildfires in remote areas such as this are allowed to burn out as a part of natures own forest renewal. This fire went for several weeks with no problem until a front came through with strong North-West winds and blew it into a lightly populated zone. That in turn brought out a massive firefighting effort.

In a recent news story, WDIO television interviewed Jim Anderson, N0JWA, about the involvement of amateur radio in this emergency. We caught up with Jim a few days later and he told us that hams from Lake County RACES were called out on Tuesday, September 13th when the evacuation of the small fishing town of Isabella appeared imminent:

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N0JWA: "We been training with all types of drills or activities through the years and the real call came last Tuesday from the Lake County EOC and the Lake County Sheriff. So seven of our guys got their stuff together, grabbed their go kits and away they went."

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Also sent to the area was the groups well equipped communications trailer:

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N0JWA: "We also had a communications trailer that went to Lake County first and they were directed to go up to Isabella. We had hams located there in Isabella, and we also had them in Silver Bay and in Finland (Minnesota). And those were evacuation points."

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Anderson told Newsline that a formal net was in place to handle health and welfare traffic:

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N0JWA: "N0MR, he was in a city in-between Duluth and the fire area and he served pretty much as net control. I was on this end here in Duluth prepared to do wgt I would have to do in any calling-out or calling family members o let them know that their relatives, sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, whomever that were up in the fire area were OK."

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N0JWA that he was preparing to drive up to the fire area to act as a relief net control when word came on Sunday, September 18th that the services of the RACES operators were no longer required. This was because it had begun to rain in the fire area.

Winter weather tends to arrive early in the Northern Latitudes. Hopefully, this seasonal change will help to quickly extinguish this rather fearsome blaze. (N0JWA, N0ZRD)

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RESTRUCTURING: REGION ONE QRP CENTER OF ACTIVITY COULD CHANGE

The IARU Region 1 High Frequency Committee meeting minutes caused some alarm and confusion over the future of 7030 kHz as the Region 1 QRP center of activity. This relates to the discussion about moving the frequency, and possible further discussion at the Region 1 Interim Meeting in 2013.

It is important to note that these discussion points did not feature in the minutes of the final General Conference Plenary. The question as to whether 7030 kHz is the best frequency for the QRP center of activity was actually raised in the context of discussing a proposal from Germany's Deutscher Amateur Radio Club to change the 40 meter Contest Preferred Segment.

The High Frequency Committee decided that this change couldn't be done without first seeking the views of the Region 1 QRP community. Further discussion across IARU Region 1 is expected over the coming months and years. It's important to remember that any change in the Region 1 plan for any spectrum will in some way eventually impact on Q-R-P operations in Regions 2 and 3 as well. (IARU R-1)

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DX NEWS: SPRATLEY ISLANDS OPERATION CANCELLED DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS

Plans to activate Thitu Island in the Spratley group have been cancelled. This due to the deteriorating safety to life and property issues in the South China Sea.

Back in January, some 30 hams had planned to operate for three weeks from the Philippines controlled island using the call DX0DX. Due to the security concerns the DXpedition was put on hold. Now, the Team Leader VK3FY says that it's off for good.

The Spratlys which lie between Vietnam, China, Malaysia, Brunei, and The Philippines is a much sought DX entity. However, VK3FY indicates that having a responsibility for the well being of the operators, he has concluded that the risks outweigh the wants or needs of the hobby. Its well known that personal safety conditions in the region have been deteriorating over the past 12 months.

And we will have more DX news near the end this weeks newscast. (VK3PC)

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HAM RADIO IN SPACE: NEXT MANNED FLIGHT TO ISS WILL BE NOV 14

NASA and the Russian Federal Space Agency have agreed on a November 14th date for the first manned Soyuz rocket. This following the launch failure of a similar booster carrying a robotic cargo ship last month.

The decision follows an investigation by Russian space officials to identify the source of that failure and ensure it won't plague future launches. It also clears the way for a new three-member crew to launch on a Soyuz to the International Space Station, sustaining the orbiting lab's 10-year streak for a continuous human presence in space.

The two space agencies had temporarily suspended all manned Soyuz flights while Russian engineers investigated the August 24th launch failure that sent the Progress 44 spacecraft packed with food and supplies for the space station. That spacecraft crashed over Siberia shortly after liftoff.

As most listeners know, in the wake of last summer's retirement of NASA's space shuttles, the Russian Soyuz is the only means of transportation for people to and from the ISS. (Various reports)

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HAM RADIO IN SPACE: THREE ISS CREW MEMBERS RETURN TO EARTH

Meantime, another Russian Soyuz capsule carrying three returning Expedition 27 astronauts from the International Space Station touched down safely in central Kazakhstan on September 16th.

NASA astronaut Ron Garan, KF5GPO, and Russian cosmonauts Andrei Borisenko, RW7LFG, and non-ham Alexander Samokutyayev landed some 93

miles southeast of the city of Zhezkazgan at 10 a.m. their local time. This, after spending 164 days in space on board the International Space Station.

But during re-entry there were some rather tense moments due to a yet unexplained communications breakdown. Repeated calls to the Soyuz TMA-21 capsule from Mission Control outside Moscow, went unanswered for several minutes, well after the craft had de-orbited. Communication was eventually established between the crew and an Antonov fixedwinged aircraft circling the landing site.

Sergei Volkov, UA1OSS, Mike Fossum, KA5AQG and Satoshi Furukawa, KE5DAW, are serving as the current Expedition 29 crew aboard the ISS. (Various reports)

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BREAK 1

>From the United States of America, We are the Amateur Radio Newsline, heard on bulletin stations around the world including the N7SKO repeater serving parts of Arizona, Nevada and California.

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ENFORCEMENT: HAM FINED $17000 FOR MARITIME BAND INTERFERENCE

The FCC has told a Tennessee ham that he must pay a $17,000 fine. This after admitting that he transmitted without a license on a United States Coast Guard frequency. Amateur Radio Newsline's Don Carlson, KQ6FM, is in Reno with the details:

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In an acation date September 20th, the FCC has affirmed a $17,000 forfeiture order issued to to David Edward Perka, KA3PRB, of Lewisburg, Tennessee. This, for willfully and repeatedly violating section 301 of the Communications Act by operating without a license in the Maritime Radio Service and maliciously interfering with the United States Coast Guard on the International Distress, Safety, and Calling Channel in Annapolis, Maryland.

This case goes back to the spring of 2008. At that time agents in the FCC's Columbia Maryland Office alleged that on April 6th and April 7th of that year David Edward Perka operated on Marine Channel 16 or 156.800 MHz, which is the International Distress, Safety, and Calling Channel for stations operating in the Maritime Radio Service.

The unauthorized transmissions on April 6th, 2008 consisted of Perka making threatening statements to the United States Coast Guard. The ones on April 7, 2008 consisted of tones from a Dual-Tone Multi-Frequency keypad.

Although Perka holds an amateur license, the FCC says that he does not hold any form of certification to operate in the Maritime Service. The FCC order says that Perka later admitted to FCC agents that the transmissions on April 6, 2008 were intentionally transmitted to harass the United States Coast Guard. .

On March 27, 2009, the Columbia Office issued Perka a $17,000 Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture. In his response, Perka admitted to the findings leading to the proposed fine. At the same time he requested a reduction based on his inability to pay.

In examining Perka's response, the FCC says that is required to take into account the nature, circumstances, extent and gravity of the violation. Also, with respect to the violator, the degree of culpability, any history of prior offenses and ability to pay.

The FCC says that its Notice of Apparent Liability issued to Perka specifically stated that a cancellation or reduction based on inability to pay will not be considered unless the petitioner provides certain specific documentation. The Commission says that the only documentation Perka submitted was a single unemployment check from the State of Maryland dated April 6, 2009.

After receiving Perka's response the Enforcement Bureau staff provided him an additional opportunity to submit the proper documentation. The regulatory agency says that while it has evidence that Perka received that letter, to date it has received no response. Based on this the FCC says that it has no basis for assessing Perka's financial situation As such a forfeiture in the amount of $17,000 in this matter is warranted in this case.

For the Amateur Radio Newsline, Im Don Carlson, KQ6FM, in Reno.

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Perka was given the usual 30 days to pay the monetary forfeiture or to file a further appeal. (FCC)

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ENFORCEMENT: MAJOR REDUCTION IN FINE TO FLORIDA UNLICENSED BROADCASTER

And a follow-up to another case we recently reported on. This involving an unlicensed broadcaster in Florida named Fritzner Lindor who was caught operating on 94.7 MHz in the city of Orange Park.

Back in June 2010, agents from the FCC's Tampa office had traced an unauthorized signal on 94.7 MHz to Lindor's home. During a station inspection, the commission said that Lindor admitted he had purchased the transmitter and operated it without a license. He also admitted that he knew his actions violated the Communications Act.

Lindor was eventually issued a $15,000 Notice of Apparent Liability. In his response he did prove the fine to be a severe economic burden by submitting the required documentation. In the end the Commission agreed to a dramatic reduction in fine from $15,000 down to only $300.

Lindor was given the normal 30 days to pay. (FCC)

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RADIO RULES: FCC GRANTS CAP-EAS TIME EXTENSION

Broadcasters and cable-casters are issuing a collective sigh of relief. This, with word that the FCC has approved another extension for broadcasters to comply with the Common Alerting Protocol or CAP-EAS deadline.

The new deadline is June 30, 2012 and supersedes the previous compliance date o this coming Sept. 30th. An earlier deadline was extended in March of this year.

The announcement was made at a regulatory session at the Radio Show that was being held this year in Chicago. In its statement the FCC noted that no one can yet comply with the new E-A-S rules because the commission has not finalized all the key technical specifics necessary for receiving CAPformatted alerts. (RW)

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RADIO RULES: W6TIA ON CAP-EAS PROTOCOL

Meantime, EAS expert Richard Rudman, W6TIA, blogs that FEMA has a plan for how broadcast stations will get domain names or I P addresses that they will need to program in to their Common Alerting Protocol or CAP encoders/decoders. These are the devices which will then "poll" the federal CAP message alerting system. That's how primary stations will get their EAS alert messages to be re-transmitted across the daisy chain.

Rudman says Antwane Johnson, who is the Division Director and Program Manager for FEMA's Integrated Public Alert and Warning or IPAWS System told him that a PIN will be assigned to each of the approved EAS equipment vendors. To receive a PIN, each vendor will need to e-mail FEMA IPAWS requesting the PIN and the structure of the Atom feed URL.

W6TIA adds that once final security checks have been completed, FEMA IPAWS will update the EAS community with the release of the domain names to be used by the broadcaster community. More about the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System and how it might affect you can be found online at www.fema.gov/emergency/ipaws. (RW)

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RESCUE RADIO: HAM RADIO TO FOLLOW A ZS HIKING GROUP

Ham radio will be used for lifeline and safety communications. This as a group of South African hikers embark on a 12 day hike across some rugged terrain.

The trip begins on the 26th of September at Mount Aux Sauces and end at the city of Boesmansnek. At least two South African radio amateurs will be involved in the mission. Johan Leslie, ZR4CAA, is a member of the

hiking group with the base camp station manned by John Longland, ZS6AA.

The bands to be used are 80, 40 and 2 meters. Hams worldwide are being requested to listen out for these call signs and assist if an emergency situation should arise.   (SARL)

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BREAK 2

Coming to you this week from Florida's sunny shores, we are the Amateur Radio Newsline with links to the world from our only official website at www.arnewsline.org and being relayed by the volunteer services of the following radio amateur:

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HAM RADIO BUSINESS: HRD VERSION 5.1 TO BE FREE UPGRADE TO REGISTERED USERS

The version 5.1 release of Ham Radio Deluxe will be made available at no charge to registered users when completed. So say Mike Carper,WA9PIE, Randy Gawtry, K0CBH and Rick Ruhl, W4PC.

The trio announced last week that they had acquired the source and rights to the Ham Radio Deluxe suite of software from Simon Brown, HB9DRV. Since then there had been a lot of rumor on the Internet chat sites as to what would happen next.

A lot of that was cleared up with the release of a statement by Carper, Gawtry and Ruhl over the weekend of September 17th and 18th posted on Facebook and other websites. In addition to making version 5.1 a free upgrade to registered users, the trio say that they plan to continue improving Ham Radio Deluxe to keep it as the best ham radio package available.

Whether or not it will remain free after the release of version 5.1 was not discussed in their news release. Right now Carper, Gawtry and Ruhl say that they are in the process of building a development environment for Ham Radio Deluxe. They say that their main concern is to begin by addressing some of the bugs in the existing "To Do List" for the upcoming version 5.1 release. (HRD Team)

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HAM HAPPENINGS: K9HAM AT THE WINGS AND WHEELS FLY IN

Turning to ham radio happenings, word that the Lewis and Clark Radio Club of Godfrey, Illinois, will be operating special event station K9HAM on September 24th. This, for the 17th annual Wings and Wheels Fly-in slated to be held at the St. Louis Regional Airport.

Operation of K9HAM will be from 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Central

Time, weather rpermitting. The primary operating frequency will be 14.245 S.S.B. +/- QRM on 20 meters. A commemorative certificate will be available with your card and a self addressed stamped envelope or electronically direct to your e-mail.

The Wings and Wheels Fly-In is an annual event that features a display of historic war aircraft and vintage automobiles. More about it is on-line at www.stlouisregional.com. (KF9F)

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HAM HAPPENINGS: THE CANADIAN AMATEUR RADIO HALL OF FAME 2011

Nominations for Canadian Amateur Radio Hall of Fame for 2011 close on September 30th. This award recognizes deserving Canadian amateur radio operators for outstanding achievement and sustained service to amateur radio in Canada or to ham radio at large. Nomination forms and details of the procedure are available from the Radio Amateurs of Canada website, or direct at tinyurl.com/canada-award (RAC)

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NAMES IN THE NEWS: K0KG NAMED NEW CQ DX AWARDS MANAGER

Some names in the news. First is Keith Gilbertson, K0KG, who as been named by CQ Magazine to succeed Billy Williams, N4UF, as its CQ DX Awards Manager. According to an announcement from CQ, Keith Gilbertson is retired vocational and technical education teacher and community college administrator. He is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and Air Force Reserve who lives in Rochert, Minnesota, with his wife, Jeannie. They have two adult children and four grandchildren.

CQ adds that effective immediately, any correspondence relating to the CQ DX Award program should be directed to Keith Gilbertson, K0KG, 21688 Sandy Beach Lane, Rochert, Minnesota. 56578-9604. K0KG can also be reached by e-mail ato keith (dot) gilbertson (at) cq (dot) com.

Gilbertson's appointment follows the retirement of Billy Williams, N4UF, after more than three decades of service to the amateur radio DX'ing community. (CQ)

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NAMES IN THE NEWS: N5HYP AND THE SCOUTING MERIT BADGE CLASS

Congratulations to Tom Schuessler, N5HYP, for a successful Radio Merit Badge class and amateur radio satellite demo at the National Scouting Museum. The Boy Scout station K2BSA/5 had contacts with numerous stations during its operational hours. It will again be again be active on October 15th for the 2011 Scouting Jamboree on the Air. (ANS)

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NAMES IN THE NEWS: KA3HDO RETIRES FROM NASA AFTER 36 YEARS

After an illustrious 36 year career with NASA, Frank Bauer, KA3HDO, has

retired from the agency.

In his farewell note to his colleagues, Bauer said that for someone who dreamed about space exploration as a very young child and started at NASA when the Apollo program was in its twilight, it has been truly a pleasure to spend over 3 decades developing and operating systems as part of the NASA team. Bauer said that he has had what he called a phenomenal time contributing to countless Human and Robotic spaceflight missions, flight tests, technology experiments, pioneering systems, studies, formulations and on-orbit operations activities as well as numerous agency-level, U.S. Government and international strategies and initiatives.

In addition to his job with NASA, KA3HDO, had a parallel volunteer career as one of the leaders of the manned Amateur Radio in Space program. Among his many achievements was taking manned ham radio operations on-orbit from the now retired space shuttles under the SAREX operation over to the International Space Station and into the ARISS program.

Bauer, who stepped down from ARISS and AMSAT duties in March of 2009, had served as ARISS Program Leader and ARISS International Working Group Chair. Since 1991, he had also held the title of AMSAT Vice President for Human Spaceflight Programs.

In May of 2009 Bauer was presented with the ARRL President's Award for his many contributions to ham radio's part of mans exploration of space. (ANS)

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DOWN BUT NOT OUT: GET WELL WISHES TO WB6FDF AND W2ML

Two people long associated with Amateur Radio Newsline are currently suffering medical problems. Retired news anchor and board member Robert Sudock, WB6FDF, is in a rehab facility in Long Beach, California where he is recovering from a badly burned foot and a flare-up of an previous medical problem. Once back on his feet Robert will be come the permanent news anchor for the weekly Newsline-produced news capsules that you will see on the Ham Nation Internet TV show that airs Tuesday nights at live dot twit dot tv. Get well wishes go to him via e-mail to wb6fdf (at) arnewsline (dot) org.

And Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML, who many knew as an early Newsline reporter before becoming the ARRL Hudson Division and later as ARRL 1st Vice President has been diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer. That said, Steve says that he is determined not to let his chemotherapy treatments slow him down. At least not very much.

Steve who works for ABC Television in New York City and who also brought game-day frequency coordination to the National Football League is profiled in a rather amazing to read story in the NY Jets on-line magazine. You can view by taking your web browser to tinyurl.com/Steve-Mendelsohn. Steve can be reached by e-mail to W2ML (at) arrl (dot) net and we are sure a kind word of support from the ham community would be very welcome right now. (ARNewsline(tm), CGC,

others)

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BREAK 3

This is ham radio news for today's radio

amateur. From the United States of America, We

are the Amateur Radio Newsline with links to the

world from our only official website at

www.arnewsline.org and being relayed by the

volunteer services of the following radio

amateur:

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HAM RADIO IN SPACE: FUNCUBE GROUP MEMBERSHIP EXCEEDS 2000 In under a year the AMSAT-UK FUNcube Yahoo Group has achieved over 2000 members.

The group was created by Rob Styles, M0TFO, at the end of October 2010. Its purpose is to provide support for the AMSAT-UK FUNcube satellite and the FUNcube Dongle Software Defined Radio package.

For those not aware, the FUNcube satellite is an educational micro-bird project with the goal of educating young people about radio, space, physics and electronics. Once on-orbit, FUNcube will provide a strong 145 MHz telemetry beacon for the pupils to receive. The bird will also have a 435 to145 MHz linear transponder for cross band SSB and CW communications.

The target audience for FUNcube is school students age 8 to 18. Planners say that FUNcube will support the educational science, technology, engineering and maths initiatives. It will also provide an additional resource for the RSGB's GB4FUN radio communications demonstration van.

Information on the FUNcube satellite project is at FUNcube.org.uk. You can join the FUNcube Yahoo Group at groups dot yahoo dot com and using the search feature to locate the FUNcube group. (M0TFO)

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RADIO IN SPACE: FIND YOUR GRAIL - ON X BAND

The NASA Grail mission to the Moon should downlink on 2280.6 MHz and 2279.511 MHz. Also, X-Band Doppler ranging beacons are on 8451.5995

MHz and 8451.7995 MHz. And with due respect to Monty Python, if you have the gear to receive these frequencies, with this information at hand, you might just find your Grail. (ANS, others)

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ON THE WEB: THE SIX AND TEN REPORTING CLUB

If you are a ham who likes to operate in the boundary area between High Frequency and low VHF, then the Six and Ten Reporting Club may be for you. This is an informal group of radio amateurs, mostly from the UK, who are interested in propagation studies at frequencies around the HF to VHF boundary. This means the 6 and 10 meter amateur bands.

The club produces a monthly newsletter that includes analysis of 28MHz propagation based on beacon monitoring, analysis of 50MHz activity reports broken down by propagation mode. Also included are discussions on unusual propagation events, compilations of solar and geomagnetic data, lists of activity world-wide, beacon news, and results of ongoing experiments.

The latest edition of the Six and Ten report is now available. You will find it in cyberspace at g7kse.co.uk/6and10. (Southgate)

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RADIOSPORTS: REGION 3 ARDF CHAMPIONSHIP IN VK SEPTEMBER 23 - 28

The 8th ITU Region 3 Amateur Radio Direction Finding Championships are being held from September 23rd to the 28th at Maldon in Australia's Victoria state. This is a historic gold mining area about a two hours drive from Melbourne airport.

This competition is being hosted by the Wireless Institute of Australia, and run by the Victorian Amateur Radio Direction Finding Group. Accommodation will be at the Victorian Blue Light Youth Camps in Maldon. For further information, please contact Wireless Institute of Australia A-R-D-F Coordinator John Bramham by e-mail to vk3www (at) wia (dot) org (dot) au. More is on-line at www.ardf.org.au. (WIA, Southgate)

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DX

In DX, word that preparations for the large multi-national 3D2R DXpedition to Rotuma are going according to plan. The team will meet in Suva, Fiji on September 22nd and depart for Rotuma on the 25th. They expect to be operational sometime on the 27th on 160 through 10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK and SSTV. They also will hve stations on 6 and 2 meter moonbounce with a focus on Europe and Africa. QSL via YT1AD or electronically using Logbook of the World.

The Oh J-Zero-X team has successfully landed on Market Reef for the first leg of its three week stay. Their focus will be on low-bands and RTTY, including the weekend's CQ World Wide RTTY Contest. Please keep

watching the Oh J-Zero-X on QRZ dot com for updates. QSL this one via OH2BH

KL7JR and his XYL WL7MY will be active stroke HI3 from the northern coast of Hispaniola using SSB on the High Frequency bands until 2013 concentrating on 80, 40, 22, 17 and 6 meters. They also plan some experiments with mobile antennas from their 3rd floor balcony. Skeds are possible via e-mail to KL7JR (at) yahoo (dot) com Their QSL route can be found on QRZ.com.

W6HGF/KH0, will be active from Saipan from Sep 20th through the 30th. He will focus on RTTY and and plans to take part in the CQ World Wide RTTY Contest. Other modes will be used if time permits. QSL direct to W6HGF either direct or via Logbook of the World.

TA1AMC is on a humanitarian mission in Mogadischu, Somalia and will be operational stroke T5 during his spare time. He will be there for the next three months. QSL as directed on the air.

IZ4AMS will be active from Tinetto Island on October 9th and 10th using the call IZ4AM. If you make contact, please QSL as directed on the air.

Lastly, a Belgian team attempt at landing on

Rockall Island in May 2009 was unsuccessful due

to the weather conditions at the time. They are

now planning to try again, with the projected

date being around September 27th or 28th.

Rockall is the rarest of the European Islands on

the Air and has only been activated once a few

years ago when just over 200 QSO's were made.

Foir the latest information keep a cyberspace

eye on www.rockall.be. The Islands on the Air

reference for Rockall Island is EU-189.

(Above from various DX news sources)

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THAT FINAL ITEM: LPFM DONATED TO ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY And finally this week, students at Illinois State University are the recipient of a Low Power FM license given to the school by a religious broadcaster. Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, is in the nerwsroom with the details:

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Some good news for the proponents of college level radio. On September 1st, the Federal Communications Commission approved the ownership transfer of WEWT-LP from Rock in Victory Ministries to the Illinois State University Foundation. This was accompanied by a change in call letters to WZND-LP. As a result, 103.3 MHz will be the Low Power FM voice of Illinois State University students with the potential of reaching nearly 75,000 listeners with its 83 watts of power.

It should be noted that college radio advocates have long been protesting the loss of student-run FM stations. On campuses nationally, cash-strapped colleges and universities are selling or leasing stations to outsiders. And as broadcast licenses and studio equipment are lost, at best, students end up with Internet-only stations.

At least in Illinois, that's about to change.

For the Amateur Radio Newsline, I'm Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, in the Newsroom in Los Angeles.

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And that's a nice way to round out this week's newscast. (Radio Survivor)

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NEWSCAST CLOSE

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For now, with Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, at the editors desk, I'm Jim Davis, W2JKD, saying 73 from sunny Vero Beach, Florida, and we thank you for listening.

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